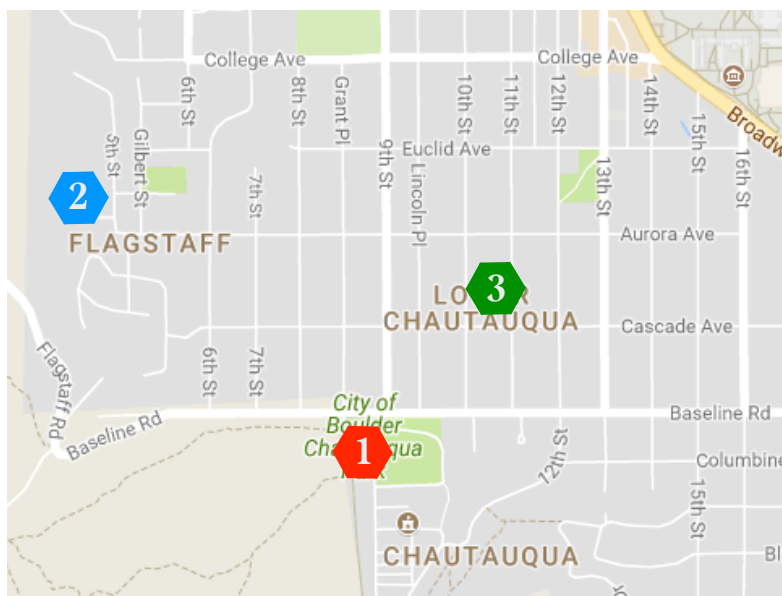


2017 Tour de Hive

Saturday, September 9 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visit gardens, beehives and meet the beekeepers in a FREE, fun, self-guided tour.



1

Chautauqua Ranger Cottage - Baseline and 9th Street

The Chautauqua Park Ranger Cottage is nestled just below the Flatirons in one of the most beautiful locations in Boulder. The wildflower meadows are home to countless native bees of all shapes and sizes. Boulder County has more than 550 species of native bees and many other kinds of pollinators, including butterflies, hummingbirds, beetles and flies. Come see the native wooden bee blocks and the observation native bee nesting tubes and beautiful native plant garden.

2

Cynthia Scott - 845 5th Street

Cynthia and Peter have a beautifully terraced perennial and native plant garden on 2.5 acres that sits up against open space hugging the foothills and below rocky outcrops. One of the most stunning organic gardens in Boulder, she has five Langstroth hives enclosed in a steel gazebo in her fenced vegetable garden to protect the bees from bears. Please park at the bottom of the driveway in the street and wander up through fruit orchards and perennial pathways past the house over a brook to a lavender walkway that leads up to the vegetable garden apiary with the hives at the top of the property. Try to find the nine native bee blocks scattered about the gardens and don't miss exploring the secret garden with shady perennials in the back of the house. Cynthia will be there to answer any questions you may have regarding bees or gardening. She is a landscape designer and master gardener.

3

Theresa Beck - 809 11th Street

Theresa and Scott live on the northwest corner of Cascade and 11th Street, between the Hill and Chautauqua neighborhoods. There are three Langstroth hives on the south side of the house facing Cascade and three in the north yard enclosed in electric fences to keep the bears away. This organic garden has the feel of an urban farm with fruit trees, berry bushes, raised bed vegetable garden and a grape arbor surrounding a hexagonal (bee comb shape!) fountain in an enclosed perennial outdoor room. Feel free to wander the garden, sit on a bench and observe the bees among the perennial and annual "pollinator patch" gardens. Theresa will be available to answer any questions about raising bees using natural and organic methods.

4

Julie Finley - 1521 Marshall Road

Parking is limited, so please carpool or ride your bike. Julie was one of the first top bar beekeeping instructors in Boulder County and has cultivated her bees using natural methods for about 20 years. Her apiary includes several top bar hives nestled under a gazebo and in a wild flower honey bee haven on Marshall Road.